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This book asserts the need for two-parent involvement in child-rearing, even after separation and divorce. Following a preface by David L. Levy entitled "The Best Parent is Both Parents," and an introduction by Vicki Lansky, "How We Can Do it Better--Divorce American-Style," the book contains six chapters: (1) "Children as Victims of Divorce," (Elliott H. Diamond); (2) "The Case for Joint Custody," (Alexander Hillery II); (3) "Parenting Post-Divorce: Problems, Concerns," (Anna Keller); (4) "Parenting Agreements--Preventive Medicine," (Elliott H. Diamond and David L. Levy); (5) "Help for Families in Crisis," (Anna Keller); and (6) "Banana Splits," an interview with Elizabeth McConagle, director of Banana Splits, a program which helps children of divorced parents in the Ballston Spa, New York, school system. A total of 24 pages of reference notes are provided. Also provided are two appendixes: "Selected Research on Child Custody," and "State Laws Addressing Child Custody." A final section describes the activities of the Children's Rights Council (CRC), lists its officers and advisory panel, and provides information about CRC chapters in 22 states. (MDM)

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